1	2	3
3.	Chennai-Cuddalore *via* Mahabalipuram new line (179.28km)	523.52
4.	Madurai-Bodinayakkanur gauge conversion (90.41 km)	164.41
5.	Tiruvallur-Arakkonam 4th line (26.83 kms)	78.92
6.	Villupuram-Dindigul doubling with electrification (273 km)	822.39
	TOTAL	2324.98

(c) Work on these new projects would be completed in the coming years as per availability of resources.

Goods trains with bullet proof engines

2141. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has decided to run goods trains with bullet proof engines on terror-hit stretches of the country;

(b) if so, the details of the idea and to what extent this would help Railways in sending goods, particularly essential commodities to terror-hit areas of the country;

(c) whether it is also a fact that guard cabin is not made bullet proof and is only provided with sandbags; and

(d) if so, how his Ministry provide security to guard as has been planned for driver of the train?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Running of goods train with bullet proof locomotives is being done selectively based on threat perception. In this process, eight MG diesel locomotives of Northeast Frontier Railway have been modified and provided with bullet proof cab. It is planned to modify further 29 metre gauge diesel locomotives in a phased manner. This is intended as a confidence building measure for engine crew.

(c) and (d) At present there is no proposal to make guard cabin as bullet proof. Wherever required, armed police personnel travel in the brake van for the security of guard and train.

Medical assistance in long distance trains

2142. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that medical assistance is not available in long running train journeys in case of emergency;

(b) if so, whether Government would propose to take necessary action to make available doctors or first aid facility in case of emergency in long running trains;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) to (d) All long distance Passenger carrying trains are provided with First Aid Boxes containing essential drugs and

dressing materials and the First Aid Boxes are available with the Guards of all the trains. In addition Augmented First Aid Boxes with wider range of medicines, disposable medical material, etc. have been provided with the Train Superintendents / Pantry Car Managers of Rajdhani / Shatabdi Express Trains and on nominated long distance Mail / Express trains. Services of doctors travelling as passengers are also utilized to attend to passengers who are in need of urgent medical assistance. The front line staff *viz.* Train Superintendents, Train-Conductors, Travelling Ticket Examiners, etc. are also trained in rendering first aid. Trains can also make unscheduled halts, if necessary, at the stations en-route in extreme emergencies. The Station Masters have details of doctors, clinics & hospitals, both Government and Private, in the vicinity of the station, so that their services could also be requisitioned, in emergencies. In addition, a database has also been developed regarding availability of the non-railway medical facilities along railway tracks and at stations en-route, for providing emergency medical care to sick travelling passengers in the Trains.

Luxury rail services in Orissa and Jharkhand

2143.SHRI B. J. PANDA:

MS. MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Limited (IRCTC) proposes to tie up with Rail Europe to woo customers across various countries in regard to luxury rail services like Palace on Wheels available in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the details of such luxury trains being run in India; and

(d) what is the action plan of Government to run such trains in Orissa and Jharkhand to improve the economy of these backward regions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Indian Railways is operating 'Palace on Wheels' and 'Heritage on Wheels' in association with Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation, 'Deccan Odyssey' in association with Maharashtra Tourism Development Corporation and 'Golden Chariot' in association with Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation, respectively.

(d) The luxury tourist trains are introduced at the instance of respective State Governments/State Tourism Corporations. There is no such proposal from the State Governments of Orissa and Jharkhand.

Upgradation of RPF

2144.SHRI B. J.PANDA:

MS. MABEL REBELLO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to upgrade the Railway Protection Force (RPF) in view of the increased terrorist threat to the rail network in the country;